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Harold Weisberg
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Dear Harold,

Concerning the publication of your book on Watergate, I would suggest the following procedure:

1. A meeting and review of material next week in Washington or Maryland to determine publishability.
2. If answer is affirmative a new corporation will be formed to publish your book. The new corporation will offer to you an authors contract as follows:
 - a. An advance of \$1,000 payable as follows:
\$500 on signing
\$500 on acceptance of completed manuscript.
 - b. \$250 for stenographic expenses.
 - c. These will be advances against a 10% royalty on all sales of US editions.
 - d. Foreign editions and movie rights retained by you.
3. Upon acceptance of the manuscript the corporation will attempt to find distribution, arrange a joint venture, distribute the book itself or if none of these alternatives appear feasible, will revert the rights to you within three months of acceptance of manuscript. You will be obligated to repay the \$1250 only if another publisher purchases the manuscript from you.

There is no assurance that even if the terms are acceptable and the manuscript is acceptable that the new corporation will be able to publish the book. This is a risk you should carefully consider before consenting.

If the book is self-published by the new corporation the best format would be your original WHITEWASH format. The book should be short, accurate, emphasising the highlights and providing the documentation.

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A professional editor will be supplied to work with you.

Once again let me caution you that a signed contract would not carry a commitment to publish. I want you to understand this clearly to preclude any later disagreement or animosity should publication not be feasible.

You might give some thought to preparing a chapter outline and a few pages summarizing the highlights for our meeting next week.

Best regards.

Cordially yours,

Dick

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